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SUBJECT: SRAP MEETING WITH KARZAI: MOVING REINTEGRATION
POLICY TOWARDS LONDON

Classified By: Ambassador Karl Eikenberry, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (S) Summary: President Karzai told S/SRAP Holbrooke January 16 that he wants to announce a reintegration policy before London but save the

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2. (S) In a relaxed one-hour meeting with President Karzai, his newly-confirmed Foreign Minister Zalmay Rassoul, and four other senior advisor

3. (C) Holbrooke noted that the night before the Embassy/ISAF team had briefed President Obama on progress since the elections; this was also

4. (C) Karzai said that Afghanistan does have excellent ministers such as Minister of Agriculture Rahimi, who Holbrooke said Vilsack had prais

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5. (C) Karzai will attend the Munich Security Conference; Holbrooke noted that he and NSA Jones would likely attend and that the Germans hoped

6. (C) While the original intention had been to hold the Kabul meeting ahead of London, Holbrooke said, our interest now was to make the Janus

7. (C) Karzai agreed but asked, "will a Kabul conference actually happen" in view of the international focus and efforts that have been expende

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8. (S) Regarding progress to date in establishing both a reintegration policy and a reconciliation approach for Taliban fighters and political

9. (S) Despite his positive feeling about the plan, Karzai said, before "technicalities" are figured out he wants to be sure he has understand

10. (S) Karzai turned to the issue of ensuring Pakistan's support for the policy since "neither reintegration nor reconciliation would work wi

11. (S) Holbrooke assured Karzai that Afghanistan's current reintegration draft policy has the backing of the U.S. and seems to have strong Gu

12. (S) Karzai gave more details about his concept for a "Loya Jirga" which would reaffirm the Afghan partnership with the international commu

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13. (S) Holbrooke noted the ongoing "confusion" over 2010 elections, and advised that in order to avoid a pointless debate in London Karzai st
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Eikenberry noted that while it was clear that elections should stick to the constitutional timeframe of 2010, the exact date and the conditions

14. (S) In later discussions with FM Milliband, he indicated his concern that the elections would take place without any reforms, and in fact

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15. (S) On another potential point of discussion in London, the civilian "counterpart" to General McChrystal, Karzai said that he did not unde
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